

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2014

PLACE: West Lafayette Public Library

PRESENT: Dave Buck Jerry O'Bryan Karen O'Farrell
Chris Leroux Doug Payne Andrew Hirsch
Kumares Sinha Larry Wood Boudewijn van Gelder

VISITORS: Erin Cooper Michael Susong Ed Garrison
Blair Carmosino Dan Teder

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order at 5:01pm and determined there was a quorum.

Professor van Gelder made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2014 meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Sinha publically welcomed Doug Payne as the new Street Commissioner in the Streets and Sanitation Department for the City of West Lafayette.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Street Station: Mr. Dan Teder with Reiling, Teder, and Schrier and Mr. Blair Carmosino with The Carmosino Group came to discuss the traffic plan during the construction of a project located on the east side of Salisbury Street at the intersection of South and Salisbury.

The project will be a four story multi-family development consisting of 40 units, 75 beds, and 47 parking spaces. The project will be on .44 acres and is located between Salisbury Street and Littleton Street, just north of the Ann Tweedle Co-op House.

Mr. Carmosino stated that they are requesting approval on Salisbury to move traffic to the west side of the street, re-stripe and temporarily use the parking lanes as a southbound lane and

what would be the southbound lane as the northbound lane to allow delivery trucks to park inside the fence and unload equipment. They would be asking for the same along Littleton Street. This proposal would impact 28 parking spaces along Littleton Street and Salisbury Street.

Mr. Carmosino stated that they were hopeful to break ground on or around October 5th, 2014 if everything goes according to plan, and would need to be opened by late July/early August of 2015.

After reviewing the plans, Mr. Buck stated that he is concerned that the 15 feet allowed on Littleton Street would not allow for parking on the east side of the street as well as a trash truck/fire truck, and that would be a safety hazard to which Mr. Carmosino replied he would modify the dimensions to 18 feet.

Deputy Chief Leroux stated that he was concerned that turning onto South Street from Salisbury Street would not allow enough room for trash trucks/fire trucks to turn, to which Mr. Carmosino replied that he would look into it and keep in contact to work out an alternate plan if there is not enough room allowed to make the turn safely.

Mr. Buck stated that the City would reserve the right to modify the proposed plans based on what the needs are in the field for the duration of the job, to which Mr. Teder stated he would note that they would be subject to additional revisions during operations per Police Department, Engineering Department, Street & Sanitation Department and Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Leroux made a motion approve pending adjustments and Mr. Payne seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

McCormick Road Speed Study:

Mr. Michael Susong with the City of West Lafayette came to discuss the speed study done by the Engineering Department on McCormick Road from State Street to Cherry Lane. Mr. Susong presented the results to the Traffic Commission and gave the Engineering Departments recommendations on lowering the speed limits on McCormick Road.

Chairman Sinha stated that he agreed with Mr. Susong on lower the speed limits because there are more joggers and bikers now than when the speed limit signs were originally posted.

Mr. Buck drew attention to the difference in speed sign locations on the proposed recommendation verses the speed sign locations currently, Mr. Buck believes that the recommended signage placement is more logical and consistent.

Mr. Buck also stated that the Engineering Department is also doing traffic counts on Cherry Lane. Currently, the speed limit is 50 mph.

Ms. Karen O'Farrell made a motion to approve the recommended speed limit change and Professor van Gelder seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2014, West Lafayette Public Library, in the Walnut room

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.M. Buck". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director

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